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PERENNIALS

ANTICIPATION

I see myself meeting you.
I will wear the blue dress—
It is unobtrusive, you cannot dislike it;
And the hat with the flowers—
You once said you liked flowers on a hat.
I have bought new gloves
And pretty shoes that hurt.
Unconsciously I will get to your office,
I will walk up behind you—
Do you know you are getting quite gray?
I say your name quietly;
You swing around in your chair.
While you shake my hand
I feel myself in your arms:
I do not hear your polite, cordial voice say,
"This is indeed a pleasure."

SPRING DAY

I felt a fool
When you caught me smiling at myself
In the oval mirror;
But later in the day
A six-legged bug,
Taking ten minutes to climb across